

Abstract

The invention relates to webs or batts comprising polytrimethylene terephthalate crimped staple fibers and fiberfill products comprising such webs and batts, as well as the processes of making the staple fibers, webs, batts and fiberfill products. According to the preferred process of making a web or batt comprising polytrimethylene terephthalate staple fibers, comprising polytrimethylene terephthalate is melt spun at a temperature of 245-285°C into filaments. The filaments are quenched, drawn and mechanically crimped to a crimp level of 8-30 crimps per inch (3-12 crimps/cm). The crimped filaments are relaxed at a temperature of 50-130°C and then cut into staple fibers having a length of about 0.2-6 inches (about 0.5 - about 15 cm). A web is formed by garnetting or carding the staple fibers and is optionally cross-lapped to form a batt. A fiberfill product is prepared with the web or batt.